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INTEREST RATE OF SMALL SAVING SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating on reducing interest rates on small saving schemes introduced an year before as reported in the "Hindustan" dated January 14, 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the small saving schemes on which the Government propose to reduce the interest rates;

(d) the extent of estimated savings after reduction of interest rates on the said schemes;

(e) whether the Government proposes to reduce the interest rates on the small saving schemes to meet the fiscal deficit and increase its income;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the number of small saving schemes introduced by the Government during the current year alongwith the number of times the rates of interest thereon have been revised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) One scheme, namely, the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme has been introduced during the current financial year. No revision in the rate of interest applicable to the deposits under this scheme has been made.